

Application No.: 10/675,341
Amendment dated February 13, 2009
Response to Office action dated December 29, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

Figures 1 – 7 have been amended to correct certain informalities objected to by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Attached: Replacement Drawings (7)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated December 29, 2008, and completion of the personal interview of February 2, 2009. The Examiner's observations and suggestions are much appreciated and summarized herein. The Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the previous office action and of the previous rejections made under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 18 are currently pending.

The drawings were objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. It was the Examiner's opinion that the drawings do not show storage of the print job data in page description format along with the parameter data associated therewith. The applicants' respectfully traverse. The specification discloses that the system includes a controller 106 which includes a storage medium 114 for storing print jobs, wherein the storage medium includes at least one storage location or cabinet 116. Once the controller receives a print request, the controller stores the print job in a specified storage location. See paragraph 0018 and Figure 1. The specification also discloses that the user is able to select parameters for the print job to be stored in the storage location. Figures 6 and 7 illustrate example templates for selecting such parameters for the print job which are then stored in a specified storage location. See paragraph 0029 and Figures 6 and 7. As such, the drawings do show storage of the print job along with the parameter data associated therewith.

Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 18 were rejected under 37 CFR §1.75(a) as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner stated that in claims 1 and 10 that the term printout was used in the last line of both claims and that it was unclear if this was the same printout claimed earlier. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to claim a subsequent printout. As such, this rejection should be overcome.

Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,092,117 to Kageyama et al. (*hereinafter*, "Kageyama"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record.

The subject application is directed to a system and method storing print job data. Print job data representative of a desired print job is acquired into a controller of an associated rendering device, which print job data is comprised of a page description language format

associated with a selected printer device and parameter data corresponding to at least one selected document output parameter associated with the page description language, the at least one document output parameter including a document finishing setting including stapling, number of copies, and hole punch.. The acquired print job data is converted, via the controller, into bitmapped image data and a printout is generated from the rendering device in accordance with an output of the controller. The print job data is selectively stored in a selected storage location in a storage location of the controller contemporaneously with the parameter data associated therewith. Print status information, including data representative of a name associated with the print job data and data representative of a size of the print job data, is acquired and stored associatively with the print job data. The print job data is communicated to an associated display device to generate an image corresponding thereto on an associated display device, the print job data corresponding to the print job information stored in the page description format in the storage location. Selection data is received in accordance with the image from the associated display device, which selection data includes an instruction to commence at least a second rendering of associated print job information stored in the page description format. Edit data is received corresponding to selected edits to the stored parameter data. A second conversion is completed of the print job information stored in the page description format to the bitmapped image data and the bitmapped image data of the second conversion of the print job data is communicated to the selected printer device to obtain a subsequent printout thereof in accordance with the stored parameter data and received edits thereto.

As discussed during the Interview, the subject amendment to each of independent claims 1 and 10 clarifies that printer job language (PJP) is used to define a document finishing parameter, such as stapling, number of copies or hole punch. This information is sent along to a printer, and the job, inclusive of the finishing options, are saved in PJP format. The next time the job is recalled for reprinting, those finishing options are also recalled and usable immediately for the next rendering. The user may also edit the parameters in the event that, for example, fewer or more copies are desired.

Conversely to the forging, Kageyama discloses editing of a page description language (PDL) which is the content of the document, such as in a PDF format. Thus, the subject application facilitates, by way of example, printer driver output inclusive of PJP commands for

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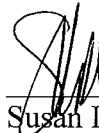
formatting, which commands are not only used for a current rendering operation, but archived so as to be reusable with our without user editing. The Examiner's observation that the subject amendment overcomes the currently-applied art, requiring further search and/or consideration, is acknowledged with thanks.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art, and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/31351.

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